

**Notice  
Request for Information (RFI)  
Public/Private Agreement to Develop and Operate the Laurel Hill Sportsplex**

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), in partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), plans to request proposals (RFPs) from qualified offerors to design, construct, and operate a recreational Sportsplex in southern Fairfax County. The proposed site includes 67 acres of land, commonly referred to as the "Youth Center", at the former DC Department of Corrections facility.

In the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, the Youth Center is part of a larger land unit intended for park use by the NVRPA. The Plan states, "The Occoquan Regional Park should be expanded northward to the southern boundary of the I-95 Landfill to include the Youth Correctional Center in order to expand both passive and active recreational opportunities for the Northern Virginia area, and to preserve substantial open space and EQC areas." The FCPA is currently developing a Master Plan for conceptual development of parklands at Laurel Hill, and the FCPA and NVRPA are investigating other nearby locations that could be available in addition to the Youth Center. Specific information regarding supplemental locations will be provided in the RFP. Additional information about the Laurel Hill site and the proposed park Master Plan is available on the FCPA web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/laurelhill>.

The FCPA recently conducted a Needs Assessment process that identified a broad range of park and recreation needs in Fairfax County. Rectangular and diamond athletic fields were shown as deficient in varying degrees in Fairfax County. A growing emphasis on travel teams and higher competition levels across the region also indicates a need for athletic tournament facilities in Northern Virginia, where few such facilities exist. The study also demonstrated a need for indoor gymnasium space to meet growing demand for indoor athletic leagues.

A Request for Proposals is expected to be advertised in July 2004, following the adoption of the Master Plan. Parties who may be interested in development and operation of the Sportsplex should submit a letter of interest by April 1, 2004 to:

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Those submitting a letter of interest will be direct mailed a copy of the RFP when it is advertised. The purpose of this letter is to obtain information regarding the feasibility of

the proposed development, and to develop a mailing/contact list for future communications. At a minimum, it is requested that your letter state the type of facilities proposed at the Sportsplex, describe any need to use other public fields for tournament events, identify team composition/organizations and their roles/responsibilities, and provide the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person. Please also estimate the amount of time required for your team to prepare a detailed proposal under the requirements of the Public-Private Educational Facilities and Infrastructures Act of 2002. Copies may be obtained by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/docs/ppea.pdf>.

Indoor facilities for field or court sports are invited, but programs and services should not duplicate services provided through the existing FCPA RECenters.

FCPA/NVRPA will not award a contract on the basis of this request or will not pay for the information solicited. Your response to this request will be treated as information only.